

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method of erasing a logical data block of a magnetic random access memory (MRAM), the method comprising:
  - 5 providing a MRAM having a logical data block configured for a distribution of selected and unselected write field thresholds when switching from a logical one state to a logical zero state, wherein the selected write field threshold is separated from the unselected write field threshold by a preselected amount; and
  - 10 writing all bits of the logical data block to the logical one state.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the providing a MRAM having a logical data block comprises providing a MRAM, wherein the logical data block comprises:
  - a plurality of magnetic memory cells;
  - 15 an easy-axis conductor configured for generating an easy-axis magnetic field, operably coupled to a first side of each of the plurality of magnetic memory cells; and
  - a plurality of hard-axis conductors configured for generating a hard-axis magnetic field operably coupled to a second side of each of the plurality of magnetic memory cells.

- 20 3. The method of claim 1, wherein the preselected amount provides fewer bit errors than the maximum number of bit errors that is correctable by a preselected error correction code.

4. The method of claim 3, wherein the preselected error correction code  
25 comprises at least one of Bose-Chaudhuri-Hochquenghem code, Reed-Solomon code and run length limited code.

5. The method of claim 3, wherein the preselected amount comprises a predetermined number of standard deviations difference from a mean of the unselected write field distribution to a maximum switching field in an easy-axis magnetic field.  
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6. The method of claim 1, wherein writing all bits of the logical data block further comprises using only easy-axis write current.

7. A method of writing a logical data block of a magnetic random access memory (MRAM), the method comprising:  
providing a MRAM having a logical data block configured for a distribution of selected and unselected write field thresholds when switching from a logical one state to a logical zero state, wherein the selected write field threshold is separated from the unselected write field threshold by a preselected amount;  
writing all bits of the logical data block to the logical one state; and  
writing the logical zero state into selected target bits of the logical data block.

10 8. The method of claim 7, wherein having the logical data block further comprises:  
magnetic memory cells;  
an easy-axis conductor configured for generating an easy-axis magnetic field, operably coupled to a first side of each of the magnetic memory cells; and  
15 a plurality of hard-axis conductors configured for generating a hard-axis magnetic field operably coupled to a second side of each of the magnetic memory cells.

9. The method of claim 7, wherein the preselected error correction code comprises at least one of Bose-Chaudhuri-Hochquenghem code, Reed-Solomon code and run 20 length limited code.

10. A magnetic random access memory (MRAM), comprising a logical data block configured for a distribution of selected write field thresholds and unselected write field thresholds when switching from a logical one state to a logical zero state, wherein the 25 distribution of selected write field threshold is separated from the distribution of unselected write field threshold by a preselected amount.

11. The MRAM according to claim 10, wherein the logical data block comprises:  
an easy-axis conductor configured for generating an easy-axis magnetic field;  
30 a plurality of hard-axis conductors configured for generating a hard-axis magnetic field; and  
magnetic memory cells formed at intersections of the easy-axis conductor and the plurality of hard-axis conductors.

12. The MRAM according to claim 11, wherein the easy-axis conductor comprises a row conductor.

5 13. The MRAM according to claim 11, wherein the easy-axis conductor comprises a write line.

14. The MRAM according to claim 11, wherein the plurality of hard-axis conductors comprise column conductors.

10 15. The MRAM according to claim 11, wherein the plurality of hard-axis conductors comprise bit lines.

15 16. The MRAM according to claim 11, wherein the magnetic memory cells comprises at least one of a giant magnetoresistance (GMR) device, a tunneling magnetoresistance (TMR) with magnetic tunnel junction (MTJ) device, a diode-isolated MTJ device, a transistor-isolated MJT device, a Hall effect storage device and a ballistic tunneling device.

20 17. A magnetic memory module, comprising:  
at least one magnetic random access memory (MRAM) comprising at least one logical data block configured for a distribution of selected and a distribution of unselected write field thresholds when switching from a logical one state to a logical zero state; the distribution of the selected write field threshold configured for separation from the distribution of the unselected write field threshold by a preselected amount; and  
25 an input/output interface in communication with the at least one MRAM for communicating with external circuitry.

30 18. The magnetic memory module according to claim 17, wherein the at least one logical data block, comprises:  
an easy-axis conductor configured for generating an easy-axis magnetic field; hard-axis conductors configured for generating a hard-axis magnetic field operably coupled to a second side of each of the plurality of; and  
magnetic memory cells formed at intersections of the easy-axis conductor and the hard-axis conductors.

19. A computer system, comprising:
- an input device;
  - an output device;
- 5 a processor operably coupled to the input device and the output device; and
- a memory device operably coupled to the processor, the memory device comprising:
- at least one magnetic random access memory (MRAM) comprising at least one logical data block having a distributions of selected and unselected write field thresholds when switching from a logical one state to a logical zero state, the distribution of the selected write field threshold configured for separation from the distribution of the unselected write field threshold by a preselected amount; and
- 10 an input/output interface in communication with the at least one MRAM for communicating the processor.
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20. The computer system according to claim 19, wherein the at least one logical data block, comprises:
- an easy-axis conductor configured for generating an easy-axis magnetic field, operably coupled to a first side of each of a plurality of magnetic memory cells; and
- 20 a plurality of hard-axis conductors configured for generating a hard-axis magnetic field operably coupled to a second side of each of the plurality of magnetic memory cells.